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MCCARTHY NAMED R. R. PRESIDENT

When Uncle Sam entered the railroad business, Dec. 21, he named Wilson McCarthy of Oakland president of the Railway. The RFC took over the Moffat Road, a Colorado rail line, to protect a 10½ million dollar loan to the D. & R. G. and McCarthy, a former RFC member, was named head of the line. This road was built by the late David H. Moffat, Colorado "empire builder," who visioned a short transcontinental line through the Rockies. By a series of tunnels he pierced the Continental divide, known as the Dotsero Cutoff.

McCarthy, a member of the Oakland ward, moved here a year ago from Salt Lake, after his resignation from the RFC. He was appointed by President Hoover and served with marked distinction. It was his recommendation that secured the loan of 65 million to construct the Bay bridge. He served in Utah as district judge, state senator and state's attorney, and was a member of the presidency of the Salt Lake Stake With Mrs. McCarthy and three daughters he resides in Piedmont. Two sons are attending Stanford.

ASSIGNMENTS

High Council and missionary appointments for Sunday, Jan. 20, are as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO STAKE

BALBOA—Carl Kjar, Vernon Bencke, Mignon Holfert.
BAY BR.—Josiah Ruddy, Hyrum Mecham.
BURLINGAME—Fred Merrill, Moroni Hammer.
MISSION—Stake Presidency.
PALO ALTO—Henry E. Thomson, W. A. Stewart.
SAN FRANCISCO — Jos. Rackstraw, Fred Buss.
SAN JOSE—Sterling Taylor, Wm. W. Collins.
SUNSET—Frank Harmon, Warren Montague, Evan Holmsted.

OAKLAND STAKE

ALAMEDA—John Soelberg, Stanley Carr.
BERKELEY—Chas. C. Carr, Robt. T. Paine.
DIMOND—Wm. T. Hicken, Ray T. Darton.
HAYWARD—Don J. Allphin, Oscar Fontano.
MARTINEZ—D. H. Rock, E. J. Partington.
OAKLAND—I. B. Ball, Albert Dietliker.
RICHMOND—F. J. Parsons, L. Movell Day.
VALLEJO—C. M. Dewsnup, Wm. Fuller.

COAST-TO-COAST BROADCAST

Word has been received from President Don B. Colton of the Eastern States Mission that the Columbia Broadcasting Co. has extended an invitation to the Mormon Church to conduct the "Church of the Air" during six Sunday mornings during 1935. One of these coast-to-coast releases will be presented from KFRC, San Francisco. Both stakes here will join in preparing and presenting this national radio Church services for an hour one Sunday morning. The exact date allotted to us will be announced later.

SOELBERG PROMOTED

John Soelberg, vice-principal of San Leandro High School, has been named vice-principal of the Oakland High School by Dr. Einar W. Jacobsen, new superintendent of schools. Soelberg succeeds William S. Briscoe, who was named assistant superintendent. Soelberg will be in charge of guidance of boys at Oakland High. He is a member of the Stake High Council. Congratulations!

CHURCH SETS UNIFORM TIME FOR PRIESTHOOD MEETINGS

A uniform time of holding of Melchizedek and Aaronic Priesthood meetings was announced recently by the Church General authorities. The new program effective Sunday, Jan. 6, places the priesthood activity program in the latter half hour of Sunday school. Complete instructions have been sent to all Stake presidencies and Bishoprics by President Rudger Clawson of the Council of the Twelve, the Presiding Bishopric, and to all Sunday School superintendents by the General Superintendency.

This new program has been adopted in full by the Stake Presidencies and High Council of both San Francisco and Oakland Stakes.

The following instructions from President Clawson give details of the new program:

"The Council of the Twelve Apostles recommended to the First Presidency the following:

"That we adopt the Sunday School hour as the period for the holding of the weekly group activity meeting, devoting that time to Gospel Doctrine class and the studies adapted to the priesthood, and such portion of the time as may be necessary to the consideration and assignment of priesthood duties:

"That we endeavor to make this hour uniform throughout the Church and that we urgently suggest to the Presiding Bishopric that the same hour be adopted for the presentation of gospel studies and the assignment of duties to the Aaronic Priesthood.

"In making this recommendation it is suggested that we emphasize the fact that the bishop of the ward is the presiding officer in the Sunday school, and that the priesthood are in no sense subordinating themselves to the jurisdiction of an auxiliary organization, but that they are merely utilizing the facilities of the Sunday school.

"It is believed that the adoption of this recommendation will solve many difficulties now encountered by stakes and wards in providing a suitable hour for these priesthood activities meetings. It is understood that the general authorities—the Twelve for the Melchizedek and the Presiding Bishopric for the Aaronic Priesthood—will prescribe the course of study for the group meetings. It is also understood that the Sunday school organization may be modified where necessary to make provision for the proper training and proper supervision of those who teach the priesthood classes.

"It is also recommended that in connection therewith the ward bishopric, the quorum presidencies and the group leaders meet together each Sunday for a few minutes prior to 10:00.

"It is expected of course that the wives of those holding the priesthood will participate with them in their study of gospel subjects."

Following a meeting of the Council of the Twelve and the Presiding Bishopric at the suggestion of the First Presidency, both councils united in the following recommendations:

"The modifications in the Sunday school program which will be necessary for the utilization of a portion of the Sunday school period for the presentation of Priesthood work have been considered and the following schedule for the order of business agreed upon:

"Preliminary music, preceding 10 o'clock; beginning of school and notices, 10; singing, prayer; sacramental service, including prelude, sacrament gem, postlude and administration of the sacrament; two and one-half minute talks; singing practice, 10:30; Sunday school class work, 10:40 to 11:25; Priesthood quorum activity group meeting, 11:25 to 11:55; reassembly for closing exercises, 11:55.

"During the period of the Priesthood quorums and group activity meetings, the sisters from 12 years of age are to meet either in one group, or divided as facilities may warrant, for suitable instruction for which a program will be prepared.

"It is reported that this arrangement has proved very successful in several stakes which has given a trial to it.

"No consideration has been given to a Fast Day program and no recommendations are submitted for a variance in the order of business for those stakes which now hold Fast meeting immediately after Sunday school. It is suggested that this program go into effect throughout the Church at the beginning of next year."

The First Presidency on the 4th day of December, 1934, approved this plan and gave it their hearty endorsement. They also concurred with the Council of the Twelve for the Melchizedek Priesthood, and the Presiding Bishopric, for the Aaronic Priesthood, that this plan be inaugurated, Sunday, January 6, 1935.

It should be definitely understood that this new order of procedure does not in any way interfere with or change the monthly quorum Priesthood meeting, which must also be held and which is a meeting exclusively for those holding the Priesthood.

The Priesthood Quarterly Bulletin will be published for the guidance of the Melchizedek Priesthood quorums, the first issue, for 1935, will be ready for distribution before the end of the present year.

SAN FRANCISCO STAKE MEETINGS

The new presidency of the San Francisco Stake announce the following schedule of Stake meetings:

"Attention all stake and ward officers and teachers:

"All union meetings for the San Francisco Stake will be held in the hall at Ninth Ave. and Judah St. at 2:30 p. m. on the following Sundays:

"Second — Stake Priesthood, Relief Society, Primary.

"Third—Mutual Improvement Associations.

"Fourth — Sunday School, Genealogy, Bishoprics.

"On the third Thursday of each month all Stake officers and board members meet with the Stake Presidency and High Council for their monthly board meetings at the same hall at 7:45 p. m.

"The High Council meets second and fourth Sunday, 1:30 p. m.

"The Stake Presidency meet every Monday evening, 7:30 p. m."

STEPHEN H. WINTER,
Stake President.

STAKE CONFERENCE IS POSTPONED TO MAR. 23

Due to the division of the stake, the regular quarterly conference scheduled for Jan. 19-20 for the Saints in the Eastbay has been cancelled.

According to word just received from President Rudger Clawson of the Council of the Twelve, the first 1935 quarterly conference of the new Oakland Stake will be March 23-24. The San Francisco Saints will gather in conference April 27-28.

STAKE CONFERENCES

Stake quarterly conference schedule for 1935 announced by the First Presidency is as follows:

OAKLAND STAKE	S. F. STAKE
March 23-24	April 27-28
June 22-23	July 27-28
Sept. 28-29	Oct. 26-28
Dec. 14-15	

MALE CHORUS

The Mormon Male Chorus were presented in a Yuletide concert by the Kosmos Club, musical club of Oakland, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 30, in the Hotel Oakland lounge. Our radio singers under the direction of Robert Sant again did themselves proud, and received a royal reception at the conclusion of the concert.

This invitation from the Kosmos Club to participate in one of these regular Sunday afternoon concerts is a distinct recognition of merit for the Male Chorus, and comes as a reward for their fine work over the radio in the Stake broadcast over KTAB.

On Jan. 15 the Male Chorus appears as a special attraction in the Irving Theatre, San Francisco, sponsored by the Sunset ward for their building fund. On Jan. 18 they join with Theodore Strong, famed radio organist, in a grand concert in Oakland chapel for benefit of the new Berkeley chapel.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

A Christmas pageant was presented in the Oakland Municipal Auditorium Dec. 15-16 by the Oakland Council of Parent-Teachers of which Mrs. J. T. Carruth is president. The pageant, "The Light of the World," was conducted by the Oakland Recreation Dept. and directed by Harry Troxell and Louise Jorgensen. More than 1500 children from 35 schools participated. In the finale more than 300 little tots with Miss Jorgensen in pantomime discovered the new Christmas star in the East. It was a glorious spectacle, and delighted the hearts of thousands who witnessed it at three performances.

ANOTHER DENTIST

Another Mormon dentist has opened offices in Oakland. Dr. Mark H. Pyne of Provo and Los Angeles announces his location at 1624 Franklin Street. He is a brother of Thos. H. Pyne, popular Oakland M. I. A. worker.

CALLED TO OGDEN

Mrs. Horace J. Macfarlane of Elmhurst was called to Ogden Jan. 2, when her nephew, Alva Starr, 24, was accidentally killed in an auto accident near Burley, Idaho. Mrs. Macfarlane was recently named primary superintendent of Oakland Stake.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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FAMILY PRAYER

"All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."—Matt. 21:22.

From the dawn of history prayer has been one of man's greatest sources of comfort, solace, faith and power.

In our church both individual and family prayer have been taught from the beginning. There has been no change in that teaching. Latter-Day Saints are urged to engage in both secret and family prayer.

In the revelations (See D. & C. 66, and 68:28, 33) it is made clear that members of the Church are to pray and to teach their children to pray. These instructions are given: "Pray unto the Lord, call upon His holy name"... "And they shall teach their children to pray and to walk unrightly before the Lord." ... "And a commandment I give unto them, that he that observeth not his prayers before the Lord in the season thereof, let him be had in remembrance before the judge of my people."

In days like these, described a hundred years ago in prophecy as "the days to come," that family which engages in regular family prayer is unified, strengthened and fortified against temptation and trouble. Today in thousands of Latter-Day Saint homes this important duty is discharged religiously and the blessings of the Lord are received. In other homes it has ceased. This is regrettable.

What should we pray for? The Lord's prayer answers that question: It is a model. The Savior said: "After this manner shall ye pray." Some may say, "Why should we pray audibly when the Lord can understand our very thoughts?" If we were speaking directly to Him would we not speak audibly?

Brigham Young said: "In our family circles let every heart be united with the one who takes the lead by being mouth before the Lord, and let every person mentally repeat the prayers and all unite in whatever is asked for, and the Lord will not withhold, but will give to such persons the things which they ask for and rightly need."

The principal objective of ward teaching for January, 1935, is to bring about a revival of the practice of family prayer in the homes of the Saints.
(Ward Teachers' Message.)

A KEY

"If what we do is uplifting and brings to us real joy and satisfaction resulting in increase of love for our fellows and the cause of righteousness, then we may know that the Lord approves of our act: otherwise it behooves us to beware lest we are serving the devil."

—JOSEPH F. MERRILL, in Millennial Star, Dec. 13, 1934.

To those who complain, find fault and criticize, we urge to cultivate the use of the key herein given.

WARD TEACHING

Some things are most necessary in doing ward teaching in the homes of the Saints. Among those duties are:

To pray in secret, and with the companion appointed to labor with you.

To get acquainted with those assigned to your watchcare.

To visit each family, at least once each month, carrying the Bishop's message, and giving such further advice, exhortation, counsel and comfort as the spirit shall give you utterance.

Be where most needed in case of sickness, trouble or death among your flock.

If assistance of a temporal nature is required, make requisition and report fully the circumstances calling for it.

Attendance of monthly meetings of ward teachers to ascertain what is wanted by the Bishopric under whom this work is done, and to make such report as shall be called for.

To get imbued with the message to the ward, the topic of the month, and study the scriptures, to be able to properly carry and teach it.

Make full and prompt written report of our activities and failures.

(For additional suggestions for ward teachers, see p. 741 The Era for December.)

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

The following bulletin has been issued by the Presiding Bishopric, giving details of the new proposed Priesthood plan as it affects the Aaronic Priesthood quorum in the holding of their meetings:

"The plan proposed is that, after the preliminary exercises and the sacrament, the regular Sunday school classes will form and carry out the Sunday school class work, after which the women and girls will return to the main assembly for a special program and members of the Priesthood will meet in separate quorums for one-half hour as indicated above.

It is very important that during that half hour for priesthood work the Aaronic Priesthood quorums and classes shall proceed promptly and systematically with the order of business, so that every phase of that work shall be given proper attention. The schedule proposed to be carried out in each separate quorum meeting during that half hour is as follows:

(1) Prayer—by members of quorum in rotation.

(2) Audible roll call.

(3) Consideration of means to get absent members to attend regularly.

(4) Reports of various assignments performed during previous week.

(5) Assignments of variety of duties to all members for ensuing week.

(6) Instructions in duties and in filling assignments.

(7) Consideration of social and fraternal activities of the quorum.

(8) Brief instructions by members of the bishopric or supervisor on habits and virtues.

(9) Brief review of Priesthood lesson for the week.

By proper coordination of the supervisor with the quorum presidency all of these matters can be given due consideration during that period, and a very profitable meeting held."

Your brethren,
SYLVESTER Q. CANNON,
DAVID A. SMITH,
JOHN WELLS,
Presiding Bishopric.

GENEALOGY

The President's call: "I wish to ask the Saints to try and shape their affairs so that they can occasionally go to the temple." A most inspiring and potent example of leadership is to be seen in the activities of President Heber J. Grant. "He has performed a very expensive work in tracing his own pedigree ... and leads his family practically every week to the temple and this is done in spite of the fact that he is one of the busiest men in the Church."

President Louise Y. Robinson, general president of the Relief Society, speaking of temple work said: "It is the feeling of the General Presidency now that the officers should be real leaders in this work. In keeping with this, a temple committee has been named from the general board to stimulate activity in this direction. May I not enter upon the New Year with the confident hope that all sisters of the Relief Society throughout our stakes and missions will accept in love and act upon this suggestion of service."

Many bishoprics of the wards are following along this same idea and even the primaries are getting groups ready for temple baptisms. Temple work is the stone which the builder neglected, which has become the head of the corner; it is the spirit of the age. The Temple Pilgrimage. It is not practical for this stake to make weekly trips to the temples, so we have to take advantage of pilgrimages planned by our stake and go in large groups at wider intervals. Our next pilgrimage leaves San Francisco and Oakland April 13 (Saturday) for the Mesa, Arizona, temple, and returns the following Saturday. It will be necessary to begin now, prepare your temple sheets, and get them to the Index Bureau, have them checked and the baptisms done, or ready to be done, so that other ordinances can be performed. This trip, like the last one, will be the most spiritual activity you have ever experienced.

M-MEN BASKETBALL

The Oakland Stake M-Men basketball schedule started on December 10, with Berkeley springing a surprise and beating the defending Stake champions from Dimond 40 to 22. Oakland beat Elmhurst in a close hard fought game 26 to 21.

On December 17, Dimond won from Elmhurst 26 to 18 in a very close exciting game, and Berkeley was trying out the new-comer to our Stake Basketball League from Richmond ward, winning 49 to 14.

On Monday, January 7, Oakland plays Richmond and Elmhurst plays Berkeley. Thursday, January 10, Oakland and Dimond meet at 8 p.m., Elmhurst and Richmond play at 9 p.m.

All games are being played at Emeryville High, 48th and San Pablo, two games each Monday and Thursday nights, the first game at 8 o'clock, the second at 9 o'clock. Come out and cheer for your favorite team.

Following is the remainder of the schedule:

Jan. 14—Berkeley vs. Dimond, 8 p.m. Elmhurst vs. Oakland, 9 p.m.

Jan. 17—Richmond vs. Berkeley, 8 p.m. Dimond vs. Elmhurst, 9 p.m.

Jan. 28—Oakland vs. Berkeley, 8 p.m. Richmond vs. Dimond, 9 p.m.

Jan. 31—Berkeley vs. Elmhurst, 8 p.m. Richmond vs. Oakland, 9 p.m.

Feb. 4—Richmond vs. Elmhurst, 8 p.m. Dimond vs. Oakland, 9 p.m.

NEW PLAN IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS

A letter calling attention to the proposed change in Priesthood time, bringing it into the two hours allotted to the Sunday school each Sunday morning, has been sent from the general superintendent to the Stake Sunday school officers.

The Sunday School order of exercises proposed is as follows:

"Preliminary music preceding the opening of Sunday school.

Beginning of school and notices, 10 Prayer.

Sacramental service, including prelude, Sacrament gem, postlude, and administration of the Sacrament.

Two and one-half minute talks.

Singing practice, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday school class work, 10:40 to 11:25 a.m. (45 minutes).

Priesthood Quorum activity group meeting, 11:25 to 11:55 a.m. (30 minutes).

Reassembly for closing exercises, 11:55 a.m.

During the period of the Priesthood Quorum and group activity meetings, the sisters from 12 years of age up are to meet either in one group or divided as facilities may warrant, for suitable instruction for which a program will be prepared.

On behalf of the General Board we earnestly appeal to you to give this plan your whole-hearted support. May we emphasize the importance of your being thoroughly familiar with every detail and of urging all Sunday school workers to co-operate to the fullest extent in every effort to make this plan succeed. We are deeply impressed by the far-reaching possibilities for good and for greater efficiency which this arrangement offers and accordingly we desire to see the members of every ward and branch get the full benefit from it.

Sincerely your brethren,
GEORGE D. PYPER,
MILTON BENNION,
GEORGE R. HILL,
General Superintendency.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

By action of the General authorities of the Church, the Gospel Doctrine Sunday School lessons and the Melchizedek Priesthood "Quorum Bulletin" for 1935 are combined and published in one cover at the price of one —25c for the calendar year.

Priesthood quorums and ward groups may include their orders for the "Quorum Bulletin" with their orders for the Sunday School lesson quarterlies. It will expedite matters in handling and delivery if all are ordered through the "lesson agent" of Sunday School.

"Arise ye daughters of Zion,
Sing ye daughters of Israel."

So challenged the Psalmist, the women of his day. Despite age-old handicaps and deep-rooted prejudices against their sex, women have risen to new heights and won the plaudits of the world. It is the thought of Church Authorities that the women of Mormondom shall have an opportunity to know the women of destiny.

And so, each Sunday morning, while their sons, brothers and fathers study and learn their duty in the Priesthood, the mothers and daughters will learn of the great women of the past.

This is the new program for the Sunday Schools of the Church, for this new year of 1935!

Marriages

LUND-TREBOAR — James Gustav Lund, Jr., and Mrs. Katie Rose Treboar, married Dec. 10 by C. W. Nalder.

SWEENEY-STAKER — Elmo J. Sweeney and Fay L. Staker married Dec. 31 by C. W. Nalder.

MOSS-SCORESBY — Neal Scoresby of Idaho Falls and Georgia Moss of Driggs, Idaho, married Dec. 29 by Bishop Macfarlane of Elmhurst. The bride is a niece of former President Parley P. Hanson.

ANDERSON-TUELLER — Dallas Tueller and Maxine Anderson of Palo Alto were married Dec. 20 by President Winter.

WHITE-WHITEHEAD — Edith White of Salt Lake and Arthur Whitehead of Dimond were married Dec. 8 by Bishop Lauper.

Births

DAUGHTER, born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Cheney of Elmhurst, Dec. 18.

SON, born to Mrs. Maxine Partington White of Elmhurst, Jan. 1.

DAUGHTER, born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lindstrom of Elmhurst, Dec. 12.

SON, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Peters of Dimond, Nov. 8.

DAUGHTER, born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Daniels of Dimond.

DAUGHTER, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Loraine Naylor of Oakland, Dec. 21.

SON, born to Mr. and Mrs. Leland C. Meuter of Alameda, Dec. 29.

DAUGHTER, born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Waterworth of Berkeley.

SON, born to Mr. and Mrs. Marriner Swenson of Berkeley.

Deaths

JOHNSON, John, 64, of Elmhurst, died Dec. 20 in S.P. Hospital after long illness. Faithful Latter-Day Saint, joined Church in England 40 years ago. Survived by wife and five children. Resided in Oakland for past 20 years. Funeral services Dec. 22 conducted by Bishop Macfarlane. Interment in Mt. View Cemetery.

NIELSEN, Hubert William, 3 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Nielsen of Alameda, died Dec. 8 of pneumonia. Interment in Salt Lake.

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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

RELIEF SOCIETY

Greetings from the good ship 1935! It comes laden with good gifts for all —health, wealth and happiness and many others, not the least of which is "satisfaction in achievement." May all these be yours for the coming year.

Echoes of cheer carried to the homes of the needy by Relief Society presidents come to us rebounding with praise for their efforts. Many presidents gave up much of their own Christmas in order to bring pleasure and peace to others.

Relief Society officers of the Oakland Stake will meet Jan. 13, at 2:30 p. m. in the Oakland chapel. Let us make our 1935 slogan "100 per cent attendance of class leaders and executive officers at stake officers meeting." It is especially desirable that we begin the New Year thus because all stake records must be turned over to the San Francisco Stake and we will begin a new record—a new record and a New Year's resolution: Let's make them both record breaking.

The choral will meet at the usual hour. Special effort should be made to obtain new members in order that vacancies occasioned by the division of the stake may be quickly filled and the work of the organization go on unretarded.

Relief Society ward reports are due Jan. 5. Be on time.

At the last union meeting Vera Parkinson Young of Berkeley was sustained as second counselor to President Sarah Carruth, succeeding Ruth Hilton, who was released on account of ill health.

Adrian Shirley Gee of Oakland was also sustained as new member of the Stake Board.

We welcome both of these sisters to Stake work.

M. I. A.

Despite the division of the stake, there will be no separation in the matter of reports, Era drive, etc., so far as the M. I. A. is concerned. This announcement was made in a recent letter received from Salt Lake:

"Regarding the reorganization of the San Francsco Stake—owing to the fact that the Era Drive is nearly over and that the year ends April 15, it is the opinion of the committee that in as much as the organization was effected under the San Francisco Stake, they think it best to retain all wards under that stake for the current year, and then next June make the change. We trust this will be to your entire satisfaction."

In a recheck of the records, the Stake quota for Era subscriptions was changed from 340 to 283! That ought to help us over the top. Oakland ward needs 3 more, Dimond 7 more! Let's go.

Miss Elsie Johnson of Berkeley was sustained on the Stake Board at the last union meeting, in charge of the adult department.

Many enjoyed the M.-Men-Gleaner Xmas carnival at Oakland chapel Dec. 28.

Here's recreation schedule:

Jan. 18—Concert: Theo. Strong, organist; Eileen Elman Becker, contralto; Mormon Male Chorus. Oakland chapel.

Jan. 29—Senior-Adult party. Oakland chapel.

Feb. 5—Dimond ward exhibit.
Feb. 8—Junior festival.
Feb. 15—Dimond ward dance.
Feb. 22—Stake Green and Gold ball.
Mar. 15—Dimond ward social.
Mar. 22—Gleaner banquet.
April 30—Dimond ward dance.
May 12—Gleaners' "Mother's Day Tea."
May 17—Beehive Swarm.
May 28—Stake honor night.
May 30—Field Day, both stakes, Golden Gate Park.

PRIMARY

Supt. Gladys R. Winter announces that the Primary union meeting of the San Francisco Stake will be held Sunday, Jan. 13, in the Masonic Hall, Ninth and Judah Streets.

Primary union meeting of the Oakland Stake has been postponed one week, and will be held Sunday, Jan. 20, in conjunction with the regular M. I. A. union meeting in Oakland Chapel.

Mrs. Inez Macfarlane of Elmhurst has been named stake superintendent of primaries of the Oakland Stake. Supt. Macfarlane has been the earnest and efficient leader of the Elmhurst ward Primary. Success!

Since the last Sunday in November all the wards in the erstwhile San Francisco Stake have put on very successful Primary conferences. They consisted this year of a series of tableaux linked together with a story and songs that presented a very good idea of the work the Primary is doing. Some of the effects were beautiful and all showed thought and a great deal of work done by the teachers with the enthusiasm of the children.

On Saturday, January 5, a luncheon was held at Charlotte's in San Francisco, for the Stake and ward officers from both sides of the bay. This was in the nature of a farewell party because of the division of the stake, but the board members who were released in the fall were special guests. A good percentage were present and all enjoyed a delicious luncheon and clever toasts and sketches were given by each of the wards.

SAN FRANCISCO

One of the most successful bazaars ever held by the ward was the one given by the Relief Society December 6 and 7. Dinner was served and program rendered each night. Many attended and financially the bazaar was a big success. The proceeds went toward the building fund.

Nicholas G. Smith, newly appointed California Mission president, was the guest of friends in San Francisco for a few days. President Smith succeeds President Alonzo Hinckley, who has been called to the Council of the Twelve Apostles.

A farewell party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Golden K. Driggs and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. Peterson of the Bishopric, who have recently moved out of the city. A splendid program was arranged by the Mutual presidency under the direction of Ed. E. Bowring, and a gift was presented to each one.

W. Needham Lambert has been appointed the second counselor in the Bishopric.

Mrs. Gail Potter, noted dramatic reader from Lincoln, Nebraska, was the guest artist at an entertainment given in the ward to raise funds for the new meeting house. Mrs. Potter gave the reading "The Fool," a three-act play. Mrs. Mary Bowring presented a ladies' chorus in Christmas carols, Dr. L. J. Stookey sang several solos, Mrs. Berne Nichols played several violin solos. The entertainment was under the direction of Mrs. Genevieve Takis.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Martin and Mrs. Doris M. Chase have been the house guests of Bishop and Mrs. C. W. Nalder. They have been visiting their family in the Bay district, and spending the holidays in California.

Mrs. George C. Lambert had as her guest during the Christmas holidays her father, Brother Hyrum D. Clark of Farmington, who is on his third mission.

SUNSET

The "Sunset Minstrels" will do or die for dear old Sunset Thursday evening, January 3. A splendid cast has been working hard for some time under the direction of a committee of M. I. A. workers headed by Harold Suhlsen, Janice George, and Vern Terry. The auditorium of the Junior Academy on Tenth Avenue has been secured for this production. A one-act play under direction of Mrs. Leah Armark will be given on this night as an added feature. Proceeds will be turned over to the Building Fund.

The building committee has secured the Irving Theatre for the night of January 15 to assist in raising funds for our new chapel. The Mormon Male Chorus from Oakland will be featured there in a 30 minute musical program between shows. Several valuable prizes will be given away on this night. The screen play, "Gift of Gab," features Edmund Lowe, Gloria Stuart, Alice White, Ruth Etting, Graham McNamee and other stars, who are thus helping to swell our building fund. The regular prices of the Irving Theatre will prevail, but all proceeds over the average Tuesday attendance will go toward the erection of our new chapel. Arrangements for this theatre party have been carried on through the co-operation of Brother Maynard Peterson, who was formerly connected with the theatre owners. Let us pack the theatre January 15 and boost our building program and at the same time lend support to the fine musical organization from Oakland Stake, the "Mormon Male Chorus," under direction of Brother Robert Sant.

Programs for January:

Jan. 13 — Dr. Glen P. Vincent, speaker.

Jan. 20 — Frank Harmon, member Stake High Council, Warren Montague, Stake missionary, Evan Holmsted, speakers.

Jan. 27—Bromwell Z. Cox, first assistant Sunday School Supt., Oakland Stake, speaker.

On these three programs special music will be furnished by the music committee consisting of Sarah Terry, Freida Weiler, and Ida Weiler.

A word of appreciation to our music committee and our ward chorister, Mrs. Hester McQuarry, who have consistently arranged and furnished such splendid musical programs at our Sacrament meetings. Their work is deeply appreciated by the Bishopric and the membership of the ward.

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NEWS FROM THE WARDS

PALO ALTO

Hearty greetings for the new year, and every blessing and good wish to all ward members.

Arthur V. Thulin,
Ole H. Dahl,
Wayne E. Kartchner,
Bishopric.

Mrs. Mary A. Haymore and family of Douglas, Ariz., were holiday visitors with her daughter, Mrs. Wayne E. Kartchner.

Irene Osmond, Vard Johnson and Ralph Olpin spent the holidays with their relatives in Utah.

Five students accompanied Wayne Kartchner in a 10-day tour of Death Valley Dec. 14, studying geology.

A group of 22 ward singers enjoyed Christmas caroling Xmas eve. As a grand finale, at the home of Wm. S. Millar, refreshments were served.

San Jose district conference was held at the Palo Alto chapel Dec. 8-9, attended by Elder A. A. Hinckley of the Council of the Twelve and Nicholas G. Smith, new California mission president. The new presidency of the San Francisco Stake were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buss celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Dec. 28 with a delightful home party.

A successful New Year's eve dance was given in the recreation hall.

SAN JOSE

"We were very happy in the mission and leave its confines with some reluctance, but nevertheless feel that we have made a stride forward and that the reorganization was for the better for all concerned. We wish to go on record that we pledge our wholehearted support to our new officers and shall do our very best to carry out all their desires and instructions. It is our hope that we will not be too great a burden to them and that we may be instrumental in assisting to make their duties pleasant and agreeable.

"We feel our inexperience in stake matters and realize that we have much to learn, and may in a measure cause our officers some worry and concern before we are successful in falling properly in line.

Sincerely your brother,
VERNARD L. BUCKSTAND,
Bishop.

BERKELEY

The annual Xmas party was given by the M. I. A. Dec. 29. to the delight of a large crowd.

Kathryn Smith is convalescing after a recent appendix operation.

Mrs. Elizabeth Braley has returned home after a visit with her daughter in Reno.

The W. N. Moses family are moving to Los Angeles. The ward regrets sincerely the loss of this fine family.

The M. I. A. junior girls entertained their mothers at a pretty dinner at the Women's City Club Dec. 16. Thirty guests were present.

The Relief Society distributed Christmas baskets to worthy and needy ward members.

Lenna Allen spent the holidays with relatives in Idaho.

The Boy Scouts furnished the program Sunday evening, Dec. 23.

On Dec. 18 Mrs. R. T. Evans presented a Christmas program for the benefit of our new chapel. Leila Timpson and Laurene Ellis sang Christmas carols. Other fine numbers featured the program.

Our new chapel building is now one-third completed, according to A. D. Ericksen, chairman of the building committee. The chapel is now taking shape and form, and the roof is being put on by the happy and earnest workers, under the able direction of Supt. Ebersole. The building will soon be ready for the plastering. Plasterers throughout the stake are invited to communicate with Chairman Ericksen. Workers willing to donate a few hours work are invited to join in this worthy work.

ELMHURST

Miss Rene Schipper has been visiting in Ogden, Utah, for some time. She returned home recently.

A good time was had by the junior girls and Vanguards at a party held recently at the home of Mrs. Alice Cragun, junior leader.

The Junior Genealogical class held a party at the home of Grant Tolman, secretary of the class, on Nov. 24. Many other good times for this group are being planned.

All young people are invited to come to our classes held Wednesday nights in the Relief Society room.

The Priests Quorum, with Eldon Marchant presiding, took charge of the Sacrament meeting on Dec. 9.

Joseph E. Robinson, former president of the California Mission, with his wife visited Elmhurst ward on Dec. 2. President Robinson was the speaker of the evening at Conjoint Meeting.

The M-Men were entertained by the Gleaner Girls at a party given at the home of Bea Stock. A large group attended, and everyone enjoyed themselves to the fullest.

Mrs. A. Schipper, Rene, Bill, and Don returned on December 12 from a brief visit to Ogden.

Funeral services for John Johnson, faithful ward member, was held Dec. 22 under direction of Bishop Macfarlane. The deceased, a veteran employee of the S. P. Co., died after a lingering illness from cancer of the stomach.

Three new babies have come to gladden Elmhurst homes: Girls arrived at the homes of Ronald and Naomi Cheney and to Leonard and Lorna Lindstrom. A boy came as a new year's gift to Maxine Parkington White.

OAKLAND

During the past month an outstanding event was the annual ward reunion. On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 8, dinner was served to all the children in the ward under 12 years of age. The following Thursday, Dec. 13, the adults enjoyed a dinner and dance. All organizations formed committees and aided in the success of the affair.

Jos. T. Carruth was toastmaster. Dinner was served to 300. The ward quartet, James and John Key, Reed Chase and James Cain, sang in perfect accord with the soup and other courses.

Under the direction of its presidency, Wanda Chase, Ardelle Kay and Adrian Gee, the Primary presented its work in colorful pageantry in its annual conference, Dec. 23. More than 50 children participated. Supt. Gladys R. Winter and Mrs. Johnson of the Stake Board were present.

Mrs. Elmer Thompson is enjoying the visit of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill of Logan, and her sister, Jessie.

The Sunday School entertained the children of the ward in their annual Christmas party Dec. 21. Santa Claus had a well filled stocking for every little guest. The M. I. A. Junior Girls furnished the music.

Mrs. W. Aird Macdonald enjoyed as holiday guests her brother, Dr. Hal R. Lesueur and wife of Portland, and her niece, Miss Nadine Lesueur of Mesa, Arizona.

A record Sacrament meeting attendance the last Sunday of the year, enjoyed the Dimond ward girls' chorus, directed by Kathleen Gordon, sing several numbers. The Dimond Bishop, Serge J. Lauper, was the speaker.

ALAMEDA

Our first bazaar was a distinct success. We had only about three weeks to plan for and arrange it. Everybody was satisfied with the results and are enthusiastic and are formulating plans for another next year.

The Primary conference was held on December 9. Under the direction of the presidency and class teachers the children portrayed by tableau the value of the primary program and what the parent should expect the child to know and understand after eight years of primary work. They preached a sermon by their little performance. A record crowd was in attendance.

Christmas eve is the time to sing carols. So that is what we did. After making calls at several of the homes of the people the carollers assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Targhetta for light refreshments.

After impressive graduation exercises at the evening meeting on Dec. 23, Jay Richardson was ordained a deacon. He gave a fine talk on the Aaronic Priesthood. Jay has joined the Dimond ward scout troop and Scoutmaster Stoddard came over to welcome him into the troop. President Crandall welcomed him into the deacons' quorum. William B. (Billy) Everett was graduated from the primary last summer.

Miss Lorna Evans spent the holidays with friends and relatives in Utah.

Mrs. Edna Burke's mother of Salt Lake is visiting at the home of her daughter.

J. Roderick Hunt and family spent a week with Mrs. Hunt's mother in Barstow, Calif.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Neilsen who died Dec. 8, was taken to Salt Lake for burial. Mrs. Neilsen remained in Salt Lake for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander.

DIMOND

Program for Sacrament meetings:

Jan. 6—Speaker, Paul Dana of San Francisco. Music, Myrtle Checketts.

Jan. 13—Elders' Quorum. Speakers, Clarence Brossard, Parley Fish, Elton Thatcher.

Jan. 20—Speakers, Wm. T. Hicken, E. M. Davey.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cherrington were hosts at a novel New Year's eve party. The old year was impersonated by R. O. Phelps, and Knute Torgensen, appropriately garbed, was the bright new year.

Two Dimond warders were featured guests at the annual dinner of the Eastmont Business Association Dec. 10. It was an "Indian Pow-wow" evening. Dr. Ray Fisher gave an interesting talk of pioneer and Indian days, when his father was a Pony Express rider. Thomas Booth, as "Chief Blue Eagle," displayed a real Indian headgear and costume. Both received many expressions of appreciation for their efforts.

Mrs. Henry C. Lamoreaux, ill for many months, was recently pleasantly surprised by a number of friends who spent an evening in songs. Mrs. Walter N. Eddington and Mrs. Fred Weindorf sponsored the affair.

Holiday visitors with relatives include: Vera Harper with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Curtis; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Madsen of Fairview, Utah, with their daughter, Mrs. T. Rex McKeon.

Marshall Stoddard, scoutmaster of Troop 72, Dimond Ward, spent the holidays with his parents in Bakersfield.

New-comers to the ward: Mr. and Mrs. Ashael Smith and Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Hales of Washington, D. C. Mr. Smith is a son of David A. Smith of the Presiding Bishopric.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kent and Mr. and Mrs. C. Hickens of Salt Lake.

Jay Brown has returned from a brief trip to Utah, where he was called by the illness of his father.

On Dec. 8 Miss Edith White of Salt Lake became the bride of Arthur Whitehead at a pretty ceremony at the home of Arthur S. Thatcher. Bishop Serge J. Lauper officiated, and the young couple will make their home in Oakland.

RICHMOND

The monthly officers' meeting was held at the home of Dr. Irene C. Jenkins, Thursday evening, Dec. 6. After the business meeting refreshments were served by the M. I. A. and an enjoyable as well as profitable evening was spent.

The Sunday School sponsored a Christmas party Tuesday evening, Dec. 18. During the early part of the evening games were enjoyed by the children, after which Santa Claus came and presented both young and old with candy, oranges and apples. The balance of the evening was spent in dancing. Nearly two hundred ward members were in attendance.

Mr. George F. Badouin and Miss Emma Jane Gengler have been added to the teaching corps of the Sunday School.

Each class will be represented in our Sunday School next year, and we are expecting great things from that organization.

The attendance at our M. I. A. meetings has increased tremendously of late. This is due no doubt to the efficiency and alertness of the officers and teachers, who not only provide excellent class work but always have some activity arranged. For several weeks a dancing instructor has been in attendance for an hour directly after Mutual. Both young and old are improving their dancing as well as having a nice time.

Mrs. Wallace C. Anderson recently returned from Ogden, Utah, where she attended the golden anniversary celebration in honor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Browning.

The officers, teachers and members of Richmond ward extend the season's greetings and a wish for a happy and prosperous New Year to all members of the Stake.

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